

to take any part, the Flower show
was a grand sight the finest &
best displayed show we have ever
had. The Low Rent did not take
off for the size of the plants. They all
look so drooped when shown in
the Crystal Palace or in the Conservatory
of the Horticultural Society. The
Committee of the Botanical Congress
were held in my house so I was
able to attend & I had a dinner
Party, the day after de Candolle
arrived at which all the best
Scientific Botanists & Gardeners
including Hooker, Bentham, Berkeley
Bennett, Wright, ^{T. Thomson}, ^{W. W. Saunders},
Meuro, Masters, Ward, ^{Casparys} and
others were present to greet
de Candolle the son of my ^{old} teacher
^{early}.

J. G. Gray
Bot. Mees
9 June 1866

My dear friend

Thanks for so ready an
answer to my request and
sending me the two photos. They shall
be placed in good company.

There is few things that would
give me more pleasure than
to come to the Western Hemisphere
but the time is past my
wife will enter her 80 year
in August I am 67 & am
winded that is to say I have
an unstable state of bladder
some think I am but the bladder
is too weak to hold of urine
been decided that makes
Reding & Walker a matter

of difficulty

We have just had a Botanical
Congress that I think was more
successful than was anticipated
DeCandolle seemed much pleased
with it. The number of foreigners
from Europe was much smaller
than we had hoped, but even
half those that had accepted were
kept away by the War. Their
houses being filled with soldiers
believed on them making it
unsafe for the mother of the house
to be away - the Mother party.
So therefore against the Botanical
Congress. ^{some of them} ~~had~~ intended were not
multiplied to the end that the

Linnean Society at the more
celebrated or the other anniversary
dinner but the Congress was ignored
in the speeches as well as a German
Professor ignorant of the affair
got up & proposed the death of the
Secretary of the Congress or masters
yet a motion was made ^{to have proposed down the affair} ~~was~~ ^{arriving}
and of the two Linnean members of faculty
at Cambridge have given a honorary
degree of D.D. to DeCandolle & it
was said that it was not right to
give it when without it was
given to Mr. Mother to be a DeCandolle
and when made at same time
Mother well deserves but it is
curious that it should be given
on an occasion in which he refused

of the Linnæan Society that he
 would do all he could to regret
 me. as they did when I was present
 in 1820 after the publication of the
 Natural arrangement of Antisl. Plants
 when he had a special meeting
 secretly called together & was
 blackballed by some 30 votes against
 500. for daring to put forth another
 on the natural arrangement of
 Plants - one of the reasons assigned was
 that he called the English Botanists of some
 as ^{as} ^{invented with the President} Smith & I was
 accused at being, that was almost
 all Botanists quoted as, in fact
 Smith did not point ^{think} until it was
 a screw, ^{many as a mines affair} then ^{he means} 1. 1. 0
 for every description & I did not send
 back the proof of the description until the
 money was paid him. This I know from
 my own knowledge have seen his notes
^{explains when the board did not come back}

The earlier on which was written by Smith in July 1820

Salisbury was a most extraordinary
 man, but he was under a cloud
 and was the that made me at
 one decline his offer for him to adopt
 me, please me as property. Unfortunately
 severe delirium, men & some Naturalist
 at the commencement of this century were
 accused of unnatural practices, some
 of these were guilty as they were either
 unincubated or ran away, ^{when accused} you will
 be surprised when I mention the name
 of Knight The ^{& antiquaries} Woodhills, Symonds the author
 for the book of Maddington Green, Salisbury
 was accused three times. but in each
 case he stood the trial & convinced his
 accusers, ^{of false accusation} and
 I believe that ^{he} many others that were
 accused, were accused falsely, but
 still it made one not inclined
 to keep his society, I never was at
 her house but once with Mrs Bennett

to see his wonderful little garden
contains such an immense number
of growing & flowering plants, & the more
I only knew in the Banksian
Herbarium. & there, as DeCandolle
says in his autobiography. The Brown
& Smith were all at war. In regard
Schubert as the best systematic Botanist
& Brown the best Physicist, Smith
was a man who merely traded on
the reputation of the German Herbarium
having no general views, I recollect
Brown giving an anecdote of him
that quite shewed his character. He
was asked about a species of Sinapis
he said I don't know I have not come
as far as S. the last genus Sinapis was
Raphanus refers, this article in
Reeve's Encyclopaedia as that is how

he studied just the genera as he
wrote them, for that took to which
no name refers. & for that he was
had a most extravagant price
of Incolla regia 20 £ per sheet.
on the other hand Brown was a
most jealous man, who was very
fearful of humiliating himself
& did all he could to prevent any
one else from doing any thing
probably with the fear that they might
annul them selves. His death
reminded a great number of
the Botanists of England. I think
are that, if he was not so jealous
of views on, I might have felt
that it was a compliment that
he was jealous of me, & to this
day after death he still knows
that if I was proposed as a Fellow

Gardens, this a very large
^{of all orders.} collection, as the algae is the
most complete collection I have
ever studied full of new material
a pile of authentic specimens
^{or typical} named by various authors. no
one can describe algae safely
without the power of consulting
it.

Poor man begone it always
intended to be a bachelor
then he married his cousin &
had the little to leave her. but
fortunably she can live as she
did before her marriage with
her relations

Mr Gray sends with me
kindest regards to Mr Gray &
you best ever your sincerely
J. E. Gray

We had had the misfortune to lose
another Volant. Greville so
we have lost in two days
in a very short time, Greville
was the most original observer
and Harvey the best student of
Greece, Greville lived to a good
old age you will see a notice
of him by myself in the Athenaeum
of today. One poor Harvey though
suffering for months for 3 or 4 years
did not believe himself a day
sorely made her all the day
before he died, there a notice
of her prepared by Mr Percival
Wright (who gave her lectures
for her in Trinity College Dublin.)
in the Athenaeum of last week

We are sorry to hear that
near the Herbarium for us &
weekly, as Mother has promised my
wife so more occupation in
arranging some of the alga and
other Cryptogam in the work
going at her Microscope for
more than I can for I have
suffered twice lately from Rheumatic
fever which has kept me up in
a dark room for two months

Greenle Herbarium was purchased
by the Edinburgh University some
year ago this was I think at
the Botanic Garden there, but
he had some pecuniary losses
which made him dispose of it

set up as a landscape painter
I believe he succeeded in selling
some of his pictures the way
which I suppose the nearest
Botanic are at least whether in large
plants or small, Diatoms, that
I ever knew, the best dryer of
specimens & a displacer of algae
a most polished man in
family a very successful
I am anxious to know what
will become of Murray Herbarium
which he gave to the Trinity College
if kept there I fear it will be
neglected & little used, perhaps
it may be more useful if it
was transferred to the Botanic